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1. ALTHOUGH EVENTS MAY PERMIT EARLIER MEETING DURING WEEK JANUARY 20 (SEE PARA 4 BELOW), USDEL CONFIRMS AGREEMENT MEET WITH DOT TWO FULL DAYS JANUARY 30-31. PLEASE INFORM DOT TO THIS EFFECT.

2. BRITISH EMBOFF GORDON-CUMMING HAS IDENTIFIED FOUR AREAS
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BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS: A) SCHEDULED OPERATIONS AND

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CAPACITY DURING SUMMER 1975. (THERE IS APPARENT BRITISH CONCERN THAT US CARRIER FORECASTS FOR SUMMER SEASON MAY BE TOO OPTIMISTIC.); B) SCHEDULED FARES; C) ANZ INTERCHANGE; D) NON-SCHEDULED OPERATIONS INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF CAPACITY, CHARTER RATE FLOOR AND RENEWAL OF CHARTER RATE AGREEMENT.

3. USDEL MAY RAISE OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS SEABOARD AND FLYING TIGER ROUTING PROBLEMS. INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS CONNECTION FOLLOW.

4. PAN AM AND SAS WILL HOLD THIRD ROUND OF CARRIER TALKS IN COPENHAGEN BEGINNING JANUARY 15. AT MOMENT TWO CARRIERS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON CAPACITY AT NEW YORK AND ARE

CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON CHICAGO AND WEST COAST CAPACITY. IF THE TWO REACH FINAL ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT (AND THIS SHOULD BE KNOWN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BY JANUARY 17), WE PLAN PROPOSE INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT GOVERNMENT TALKS WITH SCANDINAVIANS. SHOULD A POSTPONEMENT OF THE SCANDI-NAVIAN CONSULTATIONS MATERIALIZE, USDEL WOULD THEN BE ABLE MEET WITH BRITISH DURING WEEK JANUARY 20 IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE. IN INFORMING BRITISH DEFINITE USDEL ACCEPTANCE JANUARY 30-31 DATES, EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO EXPLORE WITH THEM POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WEEK EARLIER. AS NOTED ABOVE, USDEL WILL KNOW WITHIN FEW DAYS WHETHER IT WILL BE ABLE TO PROPOSE EARLIER DAYS OR NOT.

5. ATA AND NACA REPS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT TALKS. KISSINGER

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